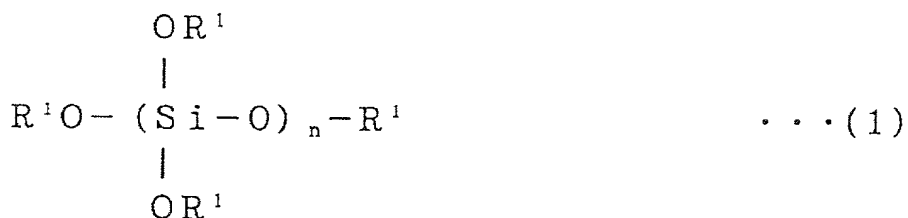


## CLAIMS

1. A top coating composition which comprises  
 a coating film-forming resin (I);  
 as well as a silicate compound (II) besides a hydrolyzable  
 silyl-containing resin (III)  
 and/or a silicate-grafted resin (IV) resulting from graft  
 polymerization of a silicate compound (II) onto a hydrolyzable  
 silyl-containing resin (III).

2. The top coating composition according to Claim 1,  
 wherein said silicate compound (II) is a modified  
 silicate compound represented by the general formula (1):



in the formula, n represents an integer of 1 to 30; at least  
 one of the  $\text{R}^1$  groups is an organic group represented by  
 $\text{R}^2 - (\text{O} - \text{CH}_2 - \text{CHR}^3)_m -$ , where  $\text{R}^2$  is an alkyl group containing 1 to 8  
 carbon atoms, a phenyl group or a benzyl group,  $\text{R}^3$  is a hydrogen  
 atom or a methyl group and m is an integer of 1 to 4, and the  
 remaining  $\text{R}^1$  groups each is a methyl or ethyl group.

3. The top coating composition according to Claim 1,  
 wherein said hydrolysable silyl-containing resin (III)  
 is an acrylic resin obtainable by radical polymerization of  
 a silanol- and/or hydrolysable silyl-containing, radical-  
 polymerizable monomer (III-a), a hydroxyl-containing,  
 radical-polymerizable monomer (III-b) and another radical-  
 polymerizable monomer (III-c).

4. The top coating composition according to Claim

5 1,

wherein said coating film-forming resin (I) comprises  
a hydroxyl-containing resin and a polyisocyanate compound.

5. The top coating composition according to claim

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wherein said hydrolysable silyl-containing resin  
(III) is an acrylic resin obtainable by radical  
polymerization of a silanol- and/or hydrolysable silyl-  
containing, radical-polymerizable monomer (III-a), a  
hydroxyl-containing, radical-polymerizable monomer (III-b)  
and another radical-polymerizable monomer (III-c).

6. The top coating composition according to claim

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wherein said coating film-forming resin (I) comprises  
a hydroxyl-containing resin and a polyisocyanate compound.

7. The top coating composition according to claim

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25 wherein said coating film-forming resin (I) comprises  
a hydroxyl-containing resin and a polyisocyanate compound.